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1. This is to confirm our request for an evaluation of pages 1-27 of OIR Report #5200.

2. It is our understanding that the evaluation will be ready on 8 April 1950.

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SUBJECT: Comment on OIR Report #5200, "The Second Phase of the Partisans of Peace Movement."

OIR Report No. 5200, 6 March 1950 is, in general, an excellent account of the organization of the Peace Partisans' movement, the techniques which it uses to advance Soviet policy objectives, and of the evolution of the movement to its current international role. Fundamentally, the report is factually accurate, ^{but} ~~although~~ in the following instances it is felt that erroneous implications and conclusions have been drawn:

1. The characterization of the Peace Partisans' movement as "the over-all Communist front" encompassing "almost all" the Communist national and international front organizations (page 1) and the statement that "the World Federation of Trade Unions is. . . an important part of the Partisans' of Peace structure" (page 19), exaggerates the actual capabilities and relationships of the Partisans' of Peace with the other Communist front organizations. The World Congress of the Partisans for Peace (WCPP) ~~which~~ has become the principal propaganda organization through which the USSR seeks to win world-wide popular support for its "peace aims". It encourages national peace committees to resort to "direct action" wherever internal conditions in the country concerned permit such action without fear of immediate and concrete police retaliation. It coordinates the activities of the other front organizations so far as those activities relate to the general Communist offensive "in defense of peace." However, the other international front organizations are also engaged in actions of vital importance to the USSR in which they are not subject to supervision by the Peace Partisans. The WFTU Asian Liaison Bureau, for example, a major instrument of Soviet policy in the Far East, is conducting

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its current drive in Southeast Asia independently of Peace Partisan control. The "anti-imperialist" activity of the World Federation of Democratic Youth ^{and of the Womens International Democratic Federation} in Southeast Asia, while coinciding with Peace Partisan objectives, is conducted without known reference to WCPP leadership or direction.

While the Soviet Union today attaches great importance to the Peace Partisans' movement as an instrument for widening support for its policies in non-Soviet orbit countries, it has as yet given no indication that it intends to supplant or annex the older front organizations permanently to the WCPP. The secession from the WFTU, the WFDY and the WIDF of their principal Western elements during 1949 was probably an important factor in the substantially greater role which the USSR has recently assigned the Peace Partisans' movement in Western Europe and in the Western Hemisphere. For the present, these organizations are closely associated with the WCPP in the Soviet campaign against US military and economic aid. In other parts of the world, particularly the Far East, Africa and Latin America, however, the other front organizations continue to exercise the greater influence. Since their leadership, unlike that of the Peace Partisans, is almost exclusively composed of "hard core" Communists, it is unlikely that the USSR would, except for tactical reasons, require them to follow the lead of an organization of more mixed ideological coloration.

2. The statement that the Communists have "made their control of the Partisans of Peace movement increasingly public and obvious" is more true of some areas of Communist activity than of others. It does not seem to represent a consistent policy of the Peace Partisans leadership. At the 1949 "peace

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congresses" in the US and Latin America, the organizers went to great lengths to give the impression that these congresses were sponsored by individuals and groups representative of all "democratic and peace loving" elements of the population.

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the Peace Partisans decided against the

participation of foreign Communist delegations at the Mexico City conference.

3. Under "Present Organizational Status" (page 2), the report implies a more formal organization than is known to exist. While the Partisans of Peace movement has followed the standard Communist Party terminology in naming its various bureaus and activities (Congress, Conference, and Bureau), these units do not have the clear-cut delineation of functions which may be found in other international front organizations or national Communist parties.

4. Page 8, line 5 "...the Communist force leading an armed revolt against the Burmese government. . ." This statement might be misleading in that it apparently overlooks the existence of two Communist parties in Burma.

5. On page 20, the last sentence in the first paragraph states: "In those areas, where such local groups are not yet established, as in Denmark. . ." Attention is called to an excerpt from the 28 September 1949 issue of LAND OG FOLK dealing with Danish peace committees, which is as follows: "Local committees are being established in many places in Denmark." Attention is also called to the 17 November issue of NATIONALTIDENDE which quotes the Secretary of the National Peace Committee in part as follows: "We are not an actual

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society, but a committee which has fifty members in Copenhagen. There are similar committees in some of the provincial cities, and certain organizations have joined us collectively."

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From the above, it

would appear that local groups have been established in Denmark. It might also be pointed [REDACTED] deals with Danish-Polish trade agreement and is not dated 14 February 1950.

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In the following instances the report has quoted statements and propaganda by the Peace Partisans' movement. It would have been advisable to point out that the probed material contains the following factual errors:

1. Page 15, line 3. Burma is included with Greece, Viet Nam, Malaya, Indonesia and Southern Korea in a group of countries suffering from "armed interference of the imperialists." Since there has been no foreign interference in Burma since its independence, it is out of place in the group.

2. Page 24, line 11. ". . . the struggle against the return of the expeditionary forces to Viet Nam. . ." The use of the word "return" is incorrect since the forces are already there.

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